STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of the legislation is to create an Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan task force ("task force") to examine the public health impact, and the financial, emotional and care burden of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on persons with Alzheimer's; review state policies and practices concerning Alzheimer's disease, assess current and expected future demand for industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and their caregivers; develop, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, a state Alzheimer's disease and other dementia strategic plan and make best practice recommendations to address and mobilize state and community responses to Alzheimer's disease. Collaborative efforts between all stakeholders can provide a practical and effective plan for the citizens and government of the State of Idaho. According to the Idaho Health & Welfare Public Health Department VII, Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death of Idahoans. This legislation is the first of its kind in Idaho, and similar to other states' bills to establish Alzheimer's disease Strategic Plan Task Forces. These states include California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Carolina, South Dakota, Louisiana, Florida, Maine, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania.

FISCAL NOTE

If this resolution is adopted by the Legislature and the committee is continued by Legislative Council, any necessary legislator travel and per diem expense would be paid from the existing legislative appropriation to the Senate and the House of Representatives. Funding for staff support and expenses would be provided from the existing appropriation to the Legislative Council for the Legislative Services office. There would be no additional impact upon the state general fund as a result of the resolution.

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